

Outcomes from Senate Subcommittee No. 3: Monday, May 7th

(Please use the Agenda as a guide along with this outcome listing.)

A. ISSUES FOR “Vote Only” (Page 2 through Page 9)

- **Action:** Approved the Vote Only-- Items 1 through 10 on pages 2 through 9.
- **Vote:** 2-0 (Cogdill absent)

B. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION--Department of Developmental Services

1. Need for Clinic Services & Comprehensive Health Care Services for People with Developmental Disabilities (Page 10)

- **Action:** Adopted trailer bill language and Budget Bill Language as contained in the hand out to: **(1)** have the DDS continue operation of the Agnews Outpatient Clinic until DDS no longer has possession of the property; **(2)** purchase two mobile clinics to be specifically outfitted to provide a range of health and medical services as determined by the DDS in working with constituency groups; and **(3)** codify the Medi-Cal Program’s verbal commitment to the Subcommittee and local health plans regarding reimbursement for Medi-Cal services provided for people transitioned from Agnews to the community.
- **Vote:** 2-1 (Senator Cogdill)

2. Modifications to Reporting Information-- Agnews DC Closure (Page 13)

- **Action:** Adopted revised reporting language as contained in the Agenda on page 13.
- **Vote:** 3-0

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION—Health Issues (Both Departments) (Page 14)

1. Medi-Cal —Need to Improve Services to Aged, Blind & Disabled (Page 14)

- **Action:** DHS provided a draft report one hour prior to the hearing. As such, this issue was left “open”.

2. Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service Rate Report was Due March 15, 2007 (Page 16)

- **Action:** Subcommittee requested the DHS to provide this information as soon as possible.

3. Expansion of the Newborn Hearing Screening Program (Page 16)

- **Action:** Approved as proposed.
- **Vote:** 3-0

4. Dispensing of Hearing Aids within the Medi-Cal Program (Page 19)

Action: Left open pending more information.

5. Establishing the Department of Public Health—Follow Up (Page 21)

- **Action #1:**
 - **(1)** Approved the Finance Letter; **(2)** Adopted the technical change to the Finance Letter; and **(3)** Adopted the two pieces of language as shown on page 23.
- **Vote:** 3-0
- **Action #2:** Provide funding for the 12 positions as shown on page 24.
- **Vote:** 2-1 (Senator Cogdill)

6. Response to Subcommittee: Licensing & Certification Fees (Page 25)

- **Action:** The following actions were taken: **(1)** recognized \$7 million in current-year unspent L&C funds to use on a one-time only basis to offset budget year L&C fee increases and to apply this in the same manner as was the General Fund subsidy provided by the Legislature through the Budget Act of 2006; **(2)** recognized \$400,000 (L&C Fees) as a salary savings adjustment (one-time only) to reflect natural salary savings that will occur as part of the hiring process; **(3)** directed the DHS to re-calculate the clinic L&C Fees by individual clinic facility type (unbundled); **(4)** adopted placeholder trailer bill language to capture revenues, including revenues from new, initial surveys, changes in ownership and late payment fees made by facilities as part of the overall L&C Fee methodology process as contained within Section 1266 of Health and Safety Code; and **(5)** adopted Budget Bill Language to have the Office of Statewide Audits and Evaluations review the L&C methodology. Further discussions to be had at May Revision regarding additional issues.
- **Vote:** 3-0, except for issue #4 which was 2-1 (Senator Cogdill).

7. Implementation of Senate Bill 1379 (Perata) -- Biomonitoring (Page 29)

- **Action:** Provided an augmentation of \$2.2 million (General Fund) to fund 5 additional positions and equipment as shown on Page 31.
- **Vote:** 2-1 (Senator Cogdill)

8. Foodborne Illness—Request for State Staff and Research Funds (Page 32)

- **Action:** (1) Eliminated the research funds as recommended by the LAO, and (2) provided a total of 5 positions (deleting 4 positions).
- **Vote:** 3-0

D. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION—Department of Mental Health (Page 37)

1. Continued Implementation of Proposition 63---(Page 37)

- **Action:** (1) Adopted both of the LAO recommendations to adopt Budget Bill Language and to make 14.5 of the DMH's requested positions two-year limited-term; and (2) Augmented the OAC's budget by an additional \$895,000 (Mental Health Services Act Funds), *above* the Finance Letter, for the purposes noted on Page 43 of the Agenda.
- **Vote:** 2-0 (Senator Cogdill absent)

2. CA Health Interview Survey—Vital Tool for Research and Reforms (Page 45)

- **Action:** Increased by \$1 million (\$700,000 Mental Health Services Act Funds) to increase the funding for the CA Health Interview Survey.
- **Vote:** 2-0 (Senator Cogdill absent)

3. Administration's Proposed Fence at Metropolitan Hospital (Page 47)

- **Action:** Rejected the Administration's proposal and *instead*, adopted the Budget Bill Language as contained in the Agenda to proceed with a study regarding the shepard's hook fence.
- **Vote:** 2-0 (Senator Cogdill absent)

4. Capital Outlay—Problems at Atascadero State Hospital (Page 49)

- **Action:** Approved the proposal.
- **Vote:** 2-0 (Senator Cogdill absent)

5. Proposed Reappropriation of Funds for Patton State Hospital (Page 49)

- **Action:** Approved the proposal.
- **Vote:** 2-0 (Senator Cogdill absent)